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SUBJECT: Nutrient Reference Values (NRV) for Food Labelling Purposes

DEADLINE: 15 June 2004

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BACKGROUND

The Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) is revising the draft Guidelines for Vitamin and Mineral Supplements.

While considering Section 5.5 at its 25th Session, the Chairman recalled that there was a need to update the Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs) that had been established following the Helsinki Consultation (Recommended Nutrient Reference Values for Food Labelling Purposes, Report of a Joint FAO/WHO Consultation on Recommended Allowances of Nutrients for Food Labelling Purposes (Helsinki, Finland, 12-16 September 1988). Some delegations pointed out that the current list of NRV was incomplete and required additions and updates. It was noted that the establishment of recommended daily intakes would require an expert consultation in order to consider available scientific evidence. However, the Committee could consider the update of NRV for labelling purposes as it would be the responsibility of regulators to establish such values.

The Committee agreed to ask for proposals for additional or revised NRVs for labelling purposes, that might be established for the general population or for specific population groups (see also paras 51-61 of ALINORM 04/27/26).

Governments and international organizations are invited to submit their comments on the above subject matter and should do so in writing preferably by email to the above addresses **before 15 June 2004**.